

Tradition

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The float, made of tissue stuffing, depicted a scene which could be found in many Green County homes at Christmas and included a large fireplace of red paper bricks, a thick white rug, and a Christmas tree with many presents underneath, showcasing a typical Christmas Eve living room scene.

The Christmas season of 1964 officially opened in Greensburg with the Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 5 at 10:30 a.m. The day featured Santa Claus, riding into town on the fire truck, the Greensburg High School Band leading the parade and the high school Glee Club singing Christmas carols.

The parade was sponsored by the Greensburg Retail Merchants Association and the Greensburg-Green County Chamber of Commerce.

Christmas decorations on the square went up the week prior to the scheduled parade.

Jim Evans was in charge of the parade, with the parade starting at Houchens Market, proceeding up First Street to the Greensburg Cumberland Presbyterian Church on the corner of West Hodgenville Avenue, turning right and continuing to the traffic light, taking a right turn on Main Street and proceeding down to the Greensburg Post Office at South Main, turning right on West Columbia Avenue and back to the Houchens parking lot.

Floats were judged, with the first prize being \$15 and the second prize, \$10.

The Girl Scout float was judged the best for the second year in a row.

The float depicted a huge world globe.

The Beta Club float, portraying the Nativity scene, placed second.

The Saturday morning weather produced a cold rain with an off and on drizzle and many people were disappointed due to a very short parade.

The town was crowded with children and parents who had come some distances to see the parade and Santa Claus.

The 1965 Christmas Parade was part of the first Green County Tobacco Festival, which crowned Marlene Sharpe as its tobacco princess.

Forrest Kelly served as chairman of the parade.

The Greensburg Deposit Bank float of Santa's workshop won first place; the Art class float, depicting the Nativity scene with a camel and lambs surrounding the Holy Family placed second.

The eighth grade float, displaying a year's work in tobacco prior to having a happy family Christmas was the third place winner.

The Deposit Bank waived first place and the FFA float was declared the third place winner.

The American Legion entry of the United States soldier fighting in Vietnam was given special mention.

The parade and the tobacco festival was sponsored by the

Greensburg Retail Merchants Association, with the cooperation of the Burley Tobacco Warehouses I and II and the Farmers Tobacco Warehouse, the Greensburg-Green County Chamber of Commerce, Nally and Gibson Quarries, and the help of the American Legion Auxiliary.

In 1966, the Greensburg Retail Merchants Association, for the second year, sponsored the Green County Tobacco Festival.

Activities for that day included the Christmas Parade.

The festival, scheduled for November 25, featured a number of floats in the parade.

The Retail Merchants Association provided a maximum of \$20 to be spent on float construction that included school groups, the Cub Scouts, and certain other groups.

A second division was made up of floats sponsored by civic organizations and local businesses, with no limit as to how much money could be spent on float construction.

First prize in each division was given \$25 and second prize, awarded \$15.

The parade took place at 3 p.m. Friday with an estimated 2,500 people jamming the streets of Greensburg to see the Christmas Parade and be part of the tobacco festival.

Camellia Clark was named the 1966 Tobacco Princess, receiving the traditional crown, roses, and a \$25 saving bond.

A moving package, the Green County Florist van with a bow on top, was the winner and the only entrant in the business division of the float competition.

The GHS sophomore class and its Nativity scene won the first prize in the student float division.

A junior class version of the Nativity scene won second place.

The Greensburg Retail Merchants and tobacco warehouses' float received enthusiastic comments.

The 32-foot display featured a quaint tobacco barn complete with housed burley. Santa Claus was shown stripping the burley. A number of elves demonstrated packing the tobacco and a 375-pound basket of tobacco complete with an auctioneer revealed the selling of the basket to a warehouse representative.

The float was built by local Boy Scout Troop 292 and contained 20,000 napkins stuffed into chicken wire.

This year, as in past years, the tobacco warehouses donated \$500 and with other donations from local merchants made the parade and festival possible.

The Green County Tobacco Festival and the Christmas Parade, which drew a large number of people to the Greensburg Square last year, was not held in 1967.

Due to expected limited float entries and Greensburg High School students non-committal in the construction of floats and no suitable place to build the floats, the festival and parade experienced cancellation.

Wreck on Columbia Highway



Photo submitted

A one-vehicle accident occurred Sunday, Nov. 21 on US 61 south. The vehicle, containing five minors, was traveling south on US 61, when the driver lost control of the vehicle upon entering into a curve, crossing the center line, spinning around 360 degrees, and striking a culvert. All passengers in the vehicle were transported to Jane Todd Crawford Hospital by Green County EMS.

Murder in Buffalo remains unsolved

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Coming up on two months since the case was opened, Kentucky State Police Post 4 in Elizabethtown is still investigating a murder in Buffalo.

David Curtis Puyear, a 59-year-old Buffalo resident, was arrested on Sept. 24 after an unidentified body of a female was found buried underneath a huge pile of debris at a residence near the LaRue County-Green County line.

Scotty Sharp, the public affairs officer for Post 4, said in an email Nov. 12 that the investigation is still open and is now in the court system.

The body has yet to be positively identified as well, with Sharp

saying police are still waiting for confirmation from the state medical examiner's office in Louisville. Asked why it's been difficult to make a positive ID in the case, Sharp said there are several contributing factors.

"It depends on where a body is in decomposition, the weather and where the body was found," he said. "(It depends on if it was) buried or lying on the ground."

Puyear was booked into the LaRue County Detention Center, and he faces a charge of murder.

The remains were found in the backyard of a residence in the 500 block of Corinth Road, about a half mile off Highway 210 going toward Campbellsville. Detectives from Post 4 conducted an inves-

tigation at the scene, and a search warrant was obtained and executed on the property.

The remains were transported to the Kentucky Medical Examiner's Office in Louisville. To aid in the case and due to the condition of

the body, Sharp said Kentucky State Police are utilizing outside resources such as an anthropologist.

"During this process, care is taken not to destroy any evidence that may be found with the body," he said.



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